

Sevier County Economic Events

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Cameron Construction will build a new movie gallery in Richfield. Construction was slated to begin Monday, and the project should be done at the end of September. Cameron Construction is based in Salt Lake City. *Deseret News, 6/10/03*

A low bid of \$393,895 from Wolper Construction Co. of Salt Lake City was accepted by the Richfield City Council to construct two new downtown parking lots as part of downtown redevelopment. The engineer's estimate for the job was \$450,000, which will allow the city to spend up to that amount. The city has a \$300,000 grant and \$750,000 loan from the Utah Community Impact Board. The parking lots are on 100 North just east of Main and on Center Street just east of Main. A third lot, planned at 200 North, isn't part of the project. *Salt Lake Tribune, 6/5/03*

Richfield residents will begin paying more for water in July. Base water charges will increase from \$13.50 a month to \$15.50 up to 10,000 gallons. Overage up to 40,000 gallons will cost an extra 50 cents per thousand, and going over between 40,000 and 70,000 will be an extra 60 cents per thousand. Water users with larger than 1-inch meters will pay a base rate of \$31. *Salt Lake Tribune, 5/10/03*

Bids totaling \$956,291 for three major downtown projects have been awarded by the Richfield City Council. Hales Sand and Gravel, of Richfield, was awarded a \$690,200 contract for construction of two new parking lots, and Mecham Construction, of Richfield, was awarded a contract to build an addition to the City Center Building at 70 East Center. The new parking lots will be between Main and 100 East on Center and 100 North, respectively. Plans for another downtown parking lot just west of Main on 200 North are on hold. *Salt Lake Tribune, 4/15/03*

The Utah Permanent Community Impact Board has awarded a \$500,000 grant to Snow College to complete the construction of the multi-events center for the college's campus in Richfield. *Salt Lake Tribune, 4/7/03*

The Utah Permanent Community Impact Board has awarded a \$1.5 million loan to Richfield for improvements to the city's water system, including the construction of a 3-million-gallon storage tank, installation of pipes, and the drilling of a new well. *Salt Lake Tribune, 4/7/03*

The Utah Permanent Community Impact Board has awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Six County Association of Government to prepare preliminary engineering and environmental studies for the development of a 45-mile rail spur between Levan and Salina. *Salt Lake Tribune, 4/7/03*

The Utah Permanent Community Impact Board has awarded a \$50,000 grant to Redmond to drill and develop a well to provide irrigation water for the cemetery. *Salt Lake Tribune*, 4/7/03

Monroe City is exploring funding for a new fire station. The hope is for a new three-bay building with a drive-through bay to eliminate backing onto or from city streets. Early cost estimates are in the neighborhood of \$250,000 to \$300,000 with grant money and loans the main funding sources. *Salt Lake Tribune*, 3/16/03

Sevier County's new half-million-dollar animal shelter has opened in Salina. The shelter is near Interstate 15 between Aurora and Sigurd. It was financed largely through a \$355,000 zero-interest loan from the state Community Impact Board in addition to grants and donations. *Salt Lake Tribune*, 3/7/03

The Utah National Guard 222nd Field Artillery Battalion has received mobilization ordered. Roughly 100 Sevier County area soldiers are expected to be deployed on March 18. *The Richfield Reaper*, 3/7/03

Plans to restore three buildings used to house men in the Civilian Conservation Corps in Salina during the 1930s and 1940s are under way. Restoring the buildings would tie in with the Utah Heritage Highway Alliance's efforts to obtain national designation for U.S. Highway 89 which passes through Sevier County. *The Salt Lake Tribune*, 2/25/03

In a recently passed bill, Congress approved \$1.17 million towards the Sevier County Multi-events Center. It will be added to \$19 million raised from private and local funds. *Deseret News*, 2/14/03

Roughly \$1 million in funds to beef up efforts against methamphetamine labs was approved in a spending bill recently passed by Congress. Some of the money will be used to help Sevier, Wayne and Sanpete counties purchase remote meth detection equipment. *Deseret News*, 2/14/03

A new motel is under construction in Salina. The Luxury Inn will consist of 44 rooms and is scheduled to open in March. *Salina Sun*, 2/14/03

Richfield plans to construct three new parking lots in the downtown area. Funding will come from a \$300,000 grant and a \$750,000 loan from the Utah Community Impact Board. As part of the project, electric power lines in those areas will be moved underground. *Salt Lake Tribune*, 1/30/03

The Richfield City Administration Building will be expanded to provide additional space for the Police Department. A \$300,000 grant and a \$750,000 loan from the Utah Permanent Community Impact Board will be used on the building's expansion, as well as the purchase of two downtown buildings; construction of new parking lots curb and gutter, sidewalks; lighting, drainage and underground power lines in various downtown locations. *Salt Lake Tribune*, 1/08/03

The controversial proposed sewer system project for the southern portion of Sevier County has been indefinitely abandoned following several months of meetings and polling citizens of the area. *Salt Lake Tribune, 12/23/02*

The Salina Commercial Center is now ready for business. The first phase of the 400-acre site is now complete with all utilities and a paved road that traverses from one end of the project to the other. The city hopes to trigger significant capital investment and job creation by locating Utah-based or national companies to the site. *The Salina Sun, 12/02/02*

A public hearing to discuss a proposed \$2.2-million Richfield water system was held recently. *Salt Lake Tribune, 12/10/02*

Sevier County has adopted a new addressing system which will require of 2,000 residents to change their addresses. It is estimated \$100,000 will be spent on mapping services and new signs. *Salina Sun, 12/09/02*

Construction has begun on Salina's new fire station. *Salina Sun, 12/02/02*

The annual enrollment report for Sevier School District shows 80 less students enrolled this year than last year. *Salina Sun, 10/25/02*

The state Board of Regents has approved a \$2.5 million bond to help pay for construction of an events center at Snow College's Richfield campus. The \$22 million center, with its sports arena, theater and 18 classrooms, was attended to promote economic development and provide schools with more classroom space. *Salt Lake Tribune, 11/12/02*

Loans and grants totaling \$1 million have been approved to fund major downtown Richfield City improvement projects from the Utah Community Impact Board. Included will be a new parking lot; demolition of the former Legacy Furniture building, which will be the site of a new library; and purchase of the Garkane Energy building along with upgrading existing parking lots. *Salt Lake Tribune, 10/16/02*

Rural Utah counties preparing budgets for next year may face cutbacks in federal PILT funds. Since 1977, the federal government has provided "payment in lieu of taxes" funds to counties with large tracts of nontaxable federal land. The federal budget for 2003 has yet to be approved, and President Bush wants to cut PILT money by 23.5 percent. Utah is fifth in the nation in PILT funding, behind California. In 2002, Utah received more than \$16 million. *Deseret News, 10/15/02*

With the financial and spoken support of 17 area businesses, the Richfield City Recreation Department has presented a proposal for a new skating are at the Richfield Lions Park. Businesses have pledged some \$17,000 to go toward the construction of the proposed park which would cost roughly \$100,000. *The Richfield Reaper, 09/27/02*

Six and one-half million tons of coal were mined this past year at the Canyon Fuel Company's Sufco Mine, breaking previous years' records, and this year's expected 7.4 million tons will surpass even 2001 totals. *Salina Sun*, 9/20/02

Utah ranchers, hit hard by drought, will soon receive millions of dollars in immediate federal aid. The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced it would release \$752 million in cash to relieve drought-stricken livestock in 37 states. Utah is one of seven states that has declared a statewide drought disaster, and therefore, will qualify for a large share of the money. *Salt Lake Tribune*, 09/20/02

Efforts are under way by the Sevier County Commission to secure a right-of-way in the southern part of the county to construct a \$1 million bike trail. *Salt Lake Tribune*, 9/17/02

Salina City will receive a \$125,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Police Department. The funds will be used to hire trained School Resource Officers who will work to prevent violence and reduce crime in and around local schools. *Salina Sun*, 9/12/02

The Salina Producers Auction has been handling a record number of cattle during recent sales due to the drought. The Salina Auction is doing nearly double its usual business as desperate ranchers liquidate herds they can no longer feed. *Salina Sun*, 8/23/02

A new auto dealership, "The Auto Guys," has opened at the four-way stop in Salina. *Salina Sun*, 8/16/02

Salina Municipal Building Authority was awarded a \$180,000 grant and a \$447,961 loan from the Community Impact Board to build a 9,200-square-foot, six-bay fire station. In addition, Elsinore was awarded a \$450,000 grant and a \$450,000 loan for construction and improvements to the town's culinary water system. *Salina Sun*, 8/9/02

Pleasant Grove-based Westroc has acquired the ready-mixed concrete plants in Sanpete and Sevier counties of Western Rock Products. *Deseret News*, 7/23/02

Plans are underway to construction a new \$70 million short-line railroad running from south of Salina to just west of Levan. Sevier, Sanpete and Juab counties are contemplating setting up a special service district to raise money for the project and spearhead its construction. A feasibility study has been completed and the project received some funding from Congress to help with environmental impact studies. The federal government's Surface Transportation Board, which has the final say on whether the line gets built, already issued its preliminary approval for the project contingent on completion of the environmental work. *Salt Lake Tribune*, 07/19/02